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Assistant professor and journalist with 15 years experience reporting on various communities and beats at daily online international and local news outlets.

EXPERIENCE:

The Principia College, Elmhurst, IL Aug. 2020 - present, Assistant Professor Mass Communications/ Digital Media & Journalism

Teaches media literacy through a variety of journalism-based courses. Organizing and planning a story-telling study abroad that will incorporate reporting, writing and photo journalism during a semester-long abroad trip to Italy and Malta in collaboration with an Art History professor in 2025.

The New York Times, St. Louis, Mo December 2022- present, Stringer/Freelance Reporter

On-call as a midwest stringer to report on breaking news stories in the St. Louis metro region.

Patch.com, Boston Metro Area, April 2017 - Aug. 2020, Senior Reporter/Editor

Regularly reported and wrote an average of seven stories a day, digging into multiple beats writing compelling and informative stories for local residents. Monitored traffic and engaged with readers through social media. Interacts with public relations professionals daily. Mentored newer reporters.

Newbury College, Brookline, MA Journalism Instructor Fall 2015 - Spring 2017.

Incorporated ethics, critical thinking and hands-on experience in a small classroom setting.

Gatehouse Media, Boston Metro Area, July 2014 - April 2017, Reporter

Wrote breaking daily news stories and at least two enterprise stories a day covering two towns. Reported and won recognition for a series on the Newton Public School superintendent's graduation speech in which he was accused of plagiarism. Broke story about School Committee's cover up and mishandling of executive session notes. Won regional award for feature story on Meter Maids in Brookline, MA. Mentored less experienced reporters. Interacted daily with public relations professionals.

The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, 2010- 2013, Asia Editor

Edited news and analysis copy for content, style, flow, and facts on daily deadline. Coordinated and grew a network of freelancers across Asia. Wrote blog posts on trending international news including sports coverage. Led the Monitor's two-week Fukushima coverage.

The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, 2008- 2010, Assistant Opinion Page Editor

Edited opinion pieces daily for content, style, flow, and facts, working with everyone from Boston moms to activists, to Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus. Generated ideas and contacts.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE:

US Peace Corps Volunteer, Kazakhstan. Teacher, Journalism Instructor. Taught high school students ESL through journalism skills. Directed and led an English language journalism summer camp for area teens and college students.

Crystal Lake Camps: Multiple roles, including Waterfront Director. Ran the waterfront, taught courses in swimming, lifeguarding etc., mentored young adults and children.

EDUCATION

PhD in Journalism candidate: Media literacy and news consumption - Missouri University, Columbia, MO

M.S. Journalism Specialization: Print -Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY

B.A. Communication Studies Specialization: Communication Studies, Minor: English -Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

SPECIALTIES

InCopy, WordPress, Square Space, EZPublish, Mediaware Center, Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook, Instagram, Tout, Snapchat, blogging, writing, editing, following trends, book reviews, SEO, fact checking, caption and headline writing.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

US-Pakistan Journalist exchange, East-West Center, March-April 2012

New England Press Association, Right to Know reporting award winner, 2014

New England First Amendment Institute, investigative reporting fellow, October 2015

New England Press Association, Transportation Reporting, 2015

New England Press Association, Health Reporting, 2016

Patch.com, Best of Patch

RESEARCH

Journalists Say News Literacy Is Not Their Role, But They Do it, Aug. 10, 2024 - AEJMC, (Poster)

PUBLISHED ARTICLES (see [online portfolio](#) for an extensive list)

[It's Not Just Gaza: Student Protesters See Links to a Global Struggle](#), May 1, 2024 - New York Times - contributor

[The Toll of Police Violence on Black People's Mental Health](#), May 25, 2023 - New York Times, contributor

A Giant Balloon Floats Into Town, and It's All Anyone Can Talk About, Feb. 3, 2023 - New York Times contributor

[Teen and Woman Killed in Shooting at St. Louis High School](#), Oct. 24, 2022 - New York Times byline

2 Newton Officers Fatally Shot Man With Knife: Middlesex DA, Jan. 5, 2021 - Newton Patch, byline

Waltham Murder Case Appeal Denied: Court, June 28, 2021 - Waltham Patch, byline

What Do Homeless People In Waltham Do Amid Coronavirus Crisis?, April 7, 2020 - Waltham Patch, byline

[Decomposed body found in upscale Brookline home](#), Jan.11, 2017 - Brookline TAB, byline

Brookline Police Officer Kristin Healy: Life in a bulletproof vest and a clip-on tie - 2016 - Brookline TAB, byline

Courses Taught At Principia College:

Advanced Media Reporting and Writing
Intro to Mass Communications
Media Literacy
Media Reporting and Writing
Opinion Writing
Photojournalism
Public Relations
Public Relations Writing
Media Capstone Class 411
Newspaper Practicum
Newspaper

Courses Taught At Newbury College:

Reporting and Writing

Other Professional Activities:

Member, Curriculum Committee (2022/2024)
Member, Student ombudsman search committee 2023)
Member, Student Services search committee for event support manager 2023
Co-adviser, Public Affairs Conference (2023)
Faculty adviser, Pilot student-run newspaper (2023/2024)
Panel and professional visitor event coordinator, Monitor Night Live (2023)
Academic adviser
Internship adviser
Ad hoc committee to interview registrar candidates (2023)
Member, Society of Professional journalists
Member, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
Member, PRSA

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES Secretary, Crystal Lake Camps Board of Trustees; board member and president, Crystal Lake Camps Alumni Association; Committee member, Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance, Guest Speaker at Boston area schools to give short talks on local journalism.